**Word of the Day: 10/20/2014**

## **excursus**

## \ ik-SKUR-sus \

## *noun*

1. A dissertation that is appended to a work and that contains a more extended exposition of some important point or topic.

2. A digression.

Example Sentence: Somewhat sprightlier than the long chapter on Stolypin is his 80-page historical excursus about Nicholas II, the last of Russia's hereditary autocrats.

-- Irving Howe, "The Great War and Russian Memory", New York Times , July 2, 1989

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## **longueur**

## \ long-GUR \

## *Noun*

1. A dull and tedious passage in a book, play, musical composition, or the like.

Example Sentence: This book . . . has its defects. Sometimes it loses focus (as in a longueur on Chechens living in Jordan).

-- Colin Thubron, "Birth of a Hundred Nations", New York Times , November 19, 2000   
  
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**WOW Word Wednesday: 10/22/2014**

## **tatterdemalion**

\ tat-uhr-dih-MAYL-yuhn; -MAY-lee-uhn \ ,

noun

1.  A person dressed in tattered or ragged clothing; a ragamuffin.

adjective

2.  Tattered; ragged.

Example Sentence: To my ear, though, the prose has the tatterdemalion feel of something hooked together by commas, tacked together by periods.

-- Brad Leithauser, "Capturer of Hearts", New York Times , April 7, 1996 *Word selected using* Dictionary.com:

<http://dictionary.reference.com/>

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## **truckle**

 \ TRUHK-uhl \   
 intransitive verb

1. To yield or bend obsequiously to the will of another; to act in a subservient manner.

noun:

2. A small wheel or roller; a caster.



Example Sentence: Don’t truckle to unreasonable demands.

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**Word of the Day: 10/24/2014**

## **exhort**

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\ ig-ZORT \ , transitive verb;

1.To incite by words or advice; to urge strongly; hence, to advise, warn, or caution.

intransitive verb:

2.To make urgent appeal; to give warning or advice.

He was constantly reminding us of our failures and exhorting us to do, and to be, better.

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